

Washington, DC – On Sunday, Harry Teague hosted a medal presentation ceremony in honor of Earl B. Bemis, an Army Private First Class who served during World War II. Bemis, who was drafted in 1942 and served in Patton's 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, served on active duty for two years before his death during the Battle of the Bulge. Harry Teague presented Bemis' brother George with the numerous medals he received for his service, including the Bronze Star, Purple heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Honorable Services Lapel Button.

"Earl Bemis made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation's freedoms. He fought for the security we have all come to expect, and for that we owe him the greatest respect and gratitude," Harry Teague said. "As we take the time to remember and honor our fallen soldiers, we must never forget the risks our men and women in uniform take every day to keep us safe at home."

Harry Teague, a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, has made it a priority to recognize America's returning military servicemen and women for their duty and sacrifice to our nation. In addition to honoring one of New Mexico's deserving veterans each month as part of his "Veteran of the Month" program, he has focused on highlighting and finding solutions to the medical problems that many soldiers face upon returning home, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury. Teague has also worked to pursue full and on-time funding for the Veterans Administration, and provide access to the best health care and highest quality resources that our nation can provide for the countless veterans who live in rural areas across southern New Mexico.



Harry Teague presents the Purple Heart, in honor of Earl Bemis, to his brother George Bemis during a medal presentation in Alamogordo.

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